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The reply filed on 11/5/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because:  
A restriction requirement was mailed in this case on 9/3/2002.

Applicant's response of 6/12/2003 was indicated as being non-responsive in the communication mailed 7/1/200.

Applicants response of 7-31-2003 was also non-responsive, as indicated in the notice of non-responsive amendment sent 10/17/2003.

Applicants response of 11/5/2003 continues to argue the issues, but does not respond in an appropriate manner. A

Applicants continue to refuse to make an election. Further argument is not appropriate in the absence of an election, as required in the aforementioned communications by the Examiner. Applicants are required either to respond in full, or to petition as allowed under 37 C.F.R. §1.181.

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action, mailed 10/17/2003 has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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